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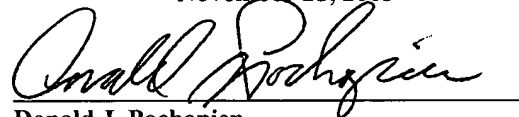
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 09/29/03, finally rejecting all claims (claims 59-71) for which a response is due 11/29/03, the Applicants request that the Examiner exercise his discretion and enter an amendment to the specification, if he has not already done so, reciting the relationship between the two patents from which priority is claimed, as already noted on the Official Filing receipt. The amendment was not submitted before the first final rejection of 07/02/03 because the issue regarding the claim of priority was raised for the first time in the final Official Action of 07/02/03. While the Applicants submitted an amendment to the specification in their response to the final Official Action

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of 07/02/03, clarifying the claim of priority, the final rejection of 07/02/03 was withdrawn in favor of the final Official Action of 09/23/03. The amendment, if not already entered, is proper because it does not add new matter and would place the claims in better condition (relative the dates of the cited art) on appeal. The Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office advise as to the status of the amendment.